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## REMARKS

Claims 1 to 17 were pending in the present application.

Claims 2 to 6, 9, 13, and 15 to 17 will remain pending upon entry of the present amendment.

Claims 2, 6, and 9 will have been amended herein.

Claims 1, 7, 8, 10 to 12, and 14 will have been cancelled.

Claims 9, 13 and 15 are independent.

Applicant appreciates the indication that Claims 13 and 15 to 17 are allowed. Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claim 9 would be allowable if written in independent form including all features of the base claim and intervening claims.

Claims 1 to 6, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,930,504 to Diamantopoulos *et al.* in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2004/0215176 to Bahk. Claims 7, 8, 10, and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103 as unpatentable over Diamantopoulos in view of Bahk and further in view of 5,860,967 to Zavislan *et al.* Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections as described in Applicant's response dated March 3, 2005.

However, solely to expedite prosecution, Claim 9 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner; Claims 2 and 6 have been amended to make Claims 2 to 6 depend directly or indirectly from amended Claim 9; and Claims 1, 7, 8, 10 to 12, and 14 have been cancelled herein without prejudice to pursue these claims in another application.

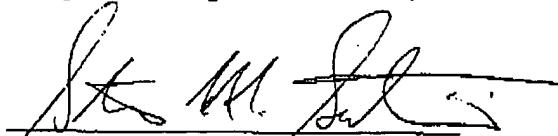
Thus, the Applicant believes all of the claims that will be pending upon entry of the present amendment are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the same. The Applicant has indicated any additional amount due regarding this amendment in the transmittal filed herewith. If any other fees are required, however, please charge Deposit

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Account No. **04-1696**. If a petition of time is required, please accept this sentence as a request for additional time to respond and charge Deposit Account No. **04-1696** any required fees. The Applicant encourages the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney should any issues remain.

Respectfully Submitted,



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